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SUBJECT:TTBT-PNE NEGOTIATIONS
STATE PNE MESSAGE EIGHT

1. PLEASE PROVIDE ANSWERS GIVEN TO QUESTIONS DISCUSSED IN
PARA. SEVEN OF MOSCOW 15582.
2. WITH REGARD TO LIST OF CABLES IN PARA. ONE OF MOSCOW
15581, WE HAVE NO PROBLEM EXCEPT WITH MOSCOW 15151 AND
15147. FIRST APPEARS TO BE UNRELATED; AND WE PRESUME YOUR
REFERENCE TO MOSCOW 15147 IS INTENDED TO BE MOSCOW 15157,
REPEAT 15157. LAST CABLE RECEIVED WAS MOSCOW 15631.

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PLEASE SERIALIZE YOUR MESSAGES, BEGINNING WITH MOSCOW 15144.

3. WITH RESPECT TO PARA. ONE OF MOSCOW 15555 AND AGREEMENTS OF JUNE 21, 1973, JUNE 28, 1974, AND JUNE 29, 1974, WHILE COOPERATION IN PNES COULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THESE MULTI-DIMENSIONAL AGREEMENTS, IN PARTICULAR WITH ARTICLE III OF THE JUNE 28, 1974 AGREEMENT ON ENERGY, WE SEE NO OBLIGATIONS CONTAINED IN THEM TO PURSUE PNES SPECIFICALLY. DELEGATION SHOULD NOT DISCUSS THESE AGREEMENTS WITH SOVIETS.

4. WITH RESPECT TO PARA. FOUR OF MOSCOW 15555, YOU SHOULD BE GUIDED BY PARAGRAPH TWO A, STATE 221218.

5. WITH RESPECT TO PARA. SEVEN OF MOSCOW 15555, YOU SHOULD LIMIT YOURSELF TO GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN STATE 221218 AS REAFFIRMED IN SEPTTEL (STATE PNE MESSAGE SEVEN).

6. AS RECEIVED, SECOND SENTENCE OF PARA ONE OF MOSCOW 15517 READS QUOTE STOESEL BEGAN BY NOTING THAT SINCE WE BEGAN OUR DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF KEY ISSUES AND, BEFORE WE START OUR WORK THIS WEEK, HE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO REVIEW BRIEFLY AND CONCERNS AND INTRODUCED ROMNEY TO DISCUSS SOME OF THE SEISMIC ISSUES THAT ARE INVOLVED IN VERIFICATION OF PNES UNQUOTE. REQUEST CORRECTION CABLE.

7. WITH RESPECT TO PARA. SEVEN OF MOSCOW 15517, AND PARA. TWO OF MOSCOW 15437, WE NOTE FOR YOUR INFORMATION THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY AMB. ROSCHIN AT THE CCD ON AUG. 8, 1974: QUOTE ON THE QUESTION OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS, MRS. THORSSON, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF SWEDEN, SAID THAT THE TREATY'S PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO SUCH EXPLOSIONS HAD SO FAR NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED. WE SHOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT IN THIS CONNEXION THAT AT PRESENT, WHEN PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS STILL HAVE NO PRACTICAL APPLICATION BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE TECHNOLOGY, THERE ARE NO GROUNDS FOR SPEAKING OF FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT THAT PART OF THE TREATY. IT WOULD BE MORE ACCURATE TO SAY THAT THE TREATY'S PROVISIONS WITH REGARD TO SUCH EXPLOSIONS HAVE NOT SO FAR BEEN IMPLEMENTED, SINCE THERE HAS BEEN NO PRACTICAL NEED FOR SUCH EXPLOSIONS. NEVERTHELESS, THE PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE V

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OF THE TREATY IS ALREADY BEING DONE IN THE IAEA.UNQUOTE. REFERENCED THORSSON CCD STATEMENT OF JULY 30 FOLLOWS: QUOTE PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS GIVE RISE TO A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. UNDER THE NPT THEY WERE OFFERED AS A COMPENSATION FOR THE UNDERTAKING BY THE NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES NOT TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR DEVICES. THIS PROVISION OF THE NPT HAS SO FAR NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED. THE UNITED STATES DEVELOPMENT OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR

EXPLOSIONS HAS SLOWED DOWN, PERHAPS FOR PURELY DOMESTIC REASONS BUT ENOUGH TO GENERATE DOUBTS ABOUT THE GENERAL USEFULNESS OF SUCH EXPLOSIONS. THE SOVIET PROGRAMME APPEARS MORE VIGOROUS AND CONTAINS A FEW APPLICATIONS WHICH COULD BE QUITE SUCCESSFUL. UNQUOTE.

8. STATEMENT PROPOSED IN PARA. THREE OF MOSCOW 15496 CREATES LINKAGE BETWEEN TTBT ARTICLE III AND NPT ARTICLE V AND COULD SHIFT FOCUS AWAY FROM TTBT ARTICLE III ASPECTS OF NEGOTIATIONS. WE REQUEST THAT YOU DO NOT

MAKE PROPOSED STATEMENT.

9. WITH RESPECT TO PARA. FOUR OF MOSCOW 15496, THIS POINT MAY REQUIRE FURTHER ELABORATION IN THE FUTURE, BUT NOT AT THE MOMENT.

10. YOU MAY WISH TO USE THE APPARENT DISCREPANCY IN MOROKHOV'S REMARKS REPORTED PARA. NINE OF MOSCOW 15373 BETWEEN IMPOSSIBILITY OF CERTAIN PROJECTS WITHOUT PNES AND TIME AND MONETARY PENALTIES IF DONE BY CONVENTIONAL MEANS TO ELICIT DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SOVIET PNE PROGRAM.

11. FURTHER BIOGRAPHIC INFO ON SOVIET DELEGATION BEING SENT BY SEPTTEL.

12. REFERENCE PARA TWO STATE 225954. BACKSTOPPING COMMITTEE HAS REVIEWED FILMS AND WE BELIEVE THEY ARE UNNECESSARY AT THIS TIME.

13. FYI. SOVIETS CONDUCTED AN UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TEST AT SHAGAN RIVER, SEMIPALATINSK, AT 0633 GMT ON 16
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OCTOBER. PRELIMINARY YIELD ESTIMATE IS 95 KT ASSUMING SATURATED SEDIMENTARY COUPLING. LOCAL WEATHER CONDITIONS WERE TYPICAL OF THOSE SOUGHT BY THE SOVIETS FOR CRATERING EVENTS. NEGATIVE REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM SEVEN ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE STATIONS AND FROM TWO SATELLITES WITH FAVORABLE LOOK ANGLES. NONE OF THE THREE ACOUSTIC STATIONS HAVE REPORTED. INGERSOLL

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